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POLICY - GUIDANCE FOR FEB. 24-26, 1976 MEETING

REF: (A) SPT/A(76)1 AGENDA, (B) SPT(75)5 (1ST REV)
(C) STATE 247903, (D) GANLEY-OSHIMA LETTER OF DEC. 5, 1976

1. SUMMARY: GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR FURTHER CONCENTRATION
76/77 CSTP PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF OVERALL OECD PRIORITY
ACTIVITIES. RECOMMEND TASK FORCE REPORT ON INFO,
COMPUTERS, COMMUNICATIONS BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL FOR
INSTITUTIONAL DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. FEB. 1976 CSTP MEETING PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH
CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF 76 PROGRAM AND GENERAL
LINES OF PROPOSED 77 PROGRAM. US VIEWS AND PRIORITIES
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OUTLINED IN DETAIL, REFS (C) AND (D), ARE STILL LARGELY
VALID EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS NOTED BELOW
WHEREIN WE ARE INCREASINGLY TRYING TO REORIENT
PROGRAM IN LINE WITH OVERALL OECD OBJECTIVES AND US

NATIONAL INTERESTS. IN THIS CONTEXT WE RECOMMEND MORE EMPHASIS ON TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY ISSUES LINKED TO WORK OF OTHER OECD COMMITTEES AND HIGH LEVEL GROUPS INCLUDING BACKUP OF CIEC EFFORTS. WE RECOMMEND THAT

THE CSTP GO ON RECORD TO INDICATE TO THE COUNCIL THAT IT STANDS READY AS A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT TO APPROPRIATE REQUESTS FROM THE COUNCIL IN PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK SUCH AS THOSE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE IME, HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES, AD HOC HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HIGH LEVEL GROUP TO REVIEW GROWTH PROBLEMS, IEA. THE CSTP SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNCIL APPROVED PROJECT PROPOSED BY JAPAN ON "THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY WITH THAT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." THIS GENERAL LINE OF THINKING COULD BE EXPANDED IF SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED BY OTHER CSTP REPS BY CSTP SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING COUNCIL FOR GUIDANCE TO ENSURE CSTP MORE RESPONSIVE TO OVERALL LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE CSTP, MINDFUL OF OVERALL OECD OBJECTIVES, ACTIVELY FORMULATE PRIORITY TASKS AS PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. THE BUREAU COULD BE CHARGED WITH PREPARING SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CSTP APPROVAL AT ITS NEXT MEETING. US REP MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD THESE GENERAL VIEWS UNDER AGENDA ITEM 7.

3. AGENDA ITEM 1 -- US VIEWS ON ELECTION OF BUREAU SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.

4. AGENDA ITEM 2 -- ADOPTION OF AGENDA. SUGGEST SUB ITEM UNDER AGENDA 9 CONCERNING ICC PROGRAM, SPT(76)7, BE MOVED FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM 7 PREFERABLY ON FIRST DAY (PM) OF MEETING. SECRETARIAT SHOULD ALSO BE REQUESTED TO PRESENT RELATED UNCLASSIFIED

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WORK OF OTHER OECD COMMITTEES EARLY ON IN MEETING. THIS INCLUDES LAST SUB ITEM UNDER AGENDA 9, SPT(76)4, AND ANNEX TO REF DOC (B). IN THIS CONTEXT, SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE REMINDED OF REQUIREMENT, PARA 10(IV) AND (VI) OF SPT/M(75)4, TO INFORM CSTP OF LINKS BETWEEN PROPOSED WORK ON PROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS AND THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL AND GROUP ON NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH.

5. AGENDA ITEM 3 --APPROVAL OF RECORD OF LAST SESSION. COMPLIMENT SECRETARIAT ON EXTREMELY PROMPT ISSUANCE OF RECORD WHICH WE SHALL WELCOME AS CONTINUING PROCEDURE.

6. AGENDA ITEM 4 -- R AND D STATISTICS (SEE PARA 5A OF

REFTEL C, AND REF D). US REP SHOULD COMPLIMENT SECRETARIAT FOR USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE REPORT OF DECEMBER 1975 EXPERTS MEETING. WE SUPPORT CONTINUING EFFORTS OF EXTREMELY ABLE SECRETARIAT IN PIONEERING

FIELDS OF R AND D DEFLATORS, ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN INDUSTRIAL R AND D. WITH RESPECT TO SPT(76)2, WE GIVE EMPHASIS TO ISSUANCE OF TIMELY AD HOC REPORTS, PARA 14(A) (IV), AND TO CARRYING OUT NEW "USER" REVIEW, PARA 14(B). LATTER IS US PROPOSAL TO EXPERT GROUP. WE UNDERScore PARTICIPATION OF "USERS" AD NOTED IN PARA 18. US DEL SHOULD DRAW ON BRIEFS PREPARED BY NSF AND NIH OFFICIALS.

7. AGENDA ITEM 6 -- ORGANIZATION/OPERATION OF CSTP GROUPS. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SPT(76)5 ALONG WITH NOTE THAT DOCUMENT IS WITHDRAWN. WE ASSUME THIS AGENDA ITEM IS FOLLOW UP OF US PROPOSAL TO OCT. CSTP MEETING TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN "GROUND RULES" AND PROCEDURES. WITH OR WITHOUT DOCUMENT IT IMPORTANT THAT CSTP DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS AND FOLLOW MORE RIGOROUSLY OECD RULES OF PROCEDURES CONCERNING MANDATES AND OPERATION OF AD HOC GROUPS; THAT GROUPS PROVIDE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS TO CSTP AND HAVE THEIR ACTIVITIES REVIEWED AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS. PATTERN ESTABLISHED FOR R&D STATISTICS (PARA 6, ABOVE) IS GOOD EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. IT IMPORTANT THAT CSTP REPS BE MORE INVOLVED IN WORK OF SUBGROUPS AND THAT CSTP MAINTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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TIGHTER CONTROL OF WORK OF SUCH GROUPS.

8. AGENDA ITEM 7 -- FUTURE ROLE AND FUNCTIONS SPT(76)6 AND 9.

-- A. WE WELCOME CONCISE, THOUGHTFUL SECRETARIAT NOTE, SPT(76)6, WHICH PROVIDES VALUABLE BASIS FOR SEEKING CSTP CONSENSUS ON REORIENTING PROGRAM TO SUPPORT OVERALL OECD PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES. IT APPROPRIATE HERE TO SUMMARIZE US DELS GENERAL STATEMENT ON PROGRAM CRITERIA PRESENTED AT LAST CSTP MEETING, AND TO BRING OUT, AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, SUGGESTIONS NOTED IN PARA 2, ABOVE. IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN INNOVATIVE, MEDIUM/LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE ON CONTRIBUTION OF S AND T TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE, AT SAME TIME, CONCENTRATING ON SUPPORTIVE ROLE OF SHORT-TERM OVERALL OECD PRIORITIES.

-- B. WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH FORMULATION OF THREE ROLES, PARA 5, AND THREE FUNCTIONS, PARA 6, OUTLINED FOR CSTP. KEEPING IN MIND SERIOUS NEED TO STRENGTHEN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FROM POINT OF VIEW

OF COUNCIL CONCERNS, WE FEEL MAJOR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE DEVOTED IN GENERAL TO FIRST TWO ROLES (R AND D IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES, AND S AND T IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES) AND FIRST TWO FUNCTIONS

(INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING; AND INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION, CONSULTATION OR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AN INTERNATIONAL ISSUE).

-- C. WE GIVE LOWER PRIORITY TO PROPOSED WORK IN AREA OF S, T AND SOCIETY WHICH IS SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (C). SIMILARLY AND RELATED TO THIS VIEW, WE GIVE MUCH LOWER PRIORITY TO DEVOTING SECRETARIAT RESOURCES IN FUNCTIONAL AREA OF "INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION, EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND/OR EXPERIENCE ON A NATIONAL ISSUE OR CONCERN." WE DO AGREE THERE MAY BE (AND HAS BEEN) MANY INSTANCES OF USEFUL WORK ON SUCH NATIONAL CONCERNS, BUT WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF ENCOURAGING SECRETARIAT LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA. IN ORDER TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSERVE RESOURCES AND ENSURE NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT ON "NATIONAL ISSUES OR CONCERNS", WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS FUNCTIONAL AREA, AS FAR AS IT IS ENCOURAGED AT ALL, BE MANAGED WITH MINIMAL SECRETARIAT SUPPORT THROUGH THE PILOT COUNTRY APPROACH. THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WOULD PROVIDE THEIR OWN "SECRETARIAT" RESOURCES.

-- D. IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS SUBMITTED REVIEW OF MARINE S AND T IN IRELAND, SPT(76)9. THIS ROLE AND FUNCTION OF CSTP AND SECRETARIAT ARE AND SHOULD REMAIN EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS. OECD AND CSTP MUST REMAIN RESPONSIVE AND FLEXIBLE TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, PRUDENT USE OF LIMITED RESOURCES IS ESSENTIAL.

9. PROGRAM ON INFORMATION, COMPUTERS, AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, SPT(76)7.

-- A. TASK FORCE REPORT IS EXCELLENT PRESENTATION OF ISSUES FOR FUTURE OECD PROGRAM CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS OPTIONS PERTAINING TO REORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURES. WE STRONGLY FEEL THIS REPORT SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITHOUT DELAY AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD IT BE RELEGATED BACK TO TASK FORCE OR ANY OTHER CSTP GROUP FOR FURTHER DEBATE. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE ADVANCED ON THE AGENDA AND TAKEN UP AS ITEM 8.

-- B. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3 OF COVERSHEET SPT(76)7 WE AGREE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COLLECT NATIONAL INDICATIONS OF ON-GOING OR PLANNED EFFORTS WITH RESPECT

TO THE PROPOSED MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM IN ORRDER
TO GET A BETTER OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES, AND
HENCE OECD PRIORITIES THIS FIELD. HOWEVER, LATTER
PRIORITIES SHOULD BE BASED ON APPLICATION OF STRICT

CRITERIA OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY IMPLICATIONS. IN THIS
CONTEXT, WE GIVE MAJOR EMPHASIS TO CRITERIA OF
"INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS" AND "COORDINATION AND EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES", PARAS 18 AND 19 OF
TASK FORCE REPORT. IN ADDITION, STRICTER APPLICATION
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OF SUCH CRITERIA WOULD BRING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED
MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM DOWN TO MANAGEABLE LEVEL OF CURRENT
RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, PARA 33 OF REPORT.

-- C. WE, THEREFORE, ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THE MEDIUM-
TERM PROGRAM (PARA 4 I OF COVERSHEET) WITH UNDERSTANDING
THAT STRICTER CRITERIA WILL BE APPLIED IN DETERMINING
PRIORITIES. NOT ALL THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM SHOULD BE
UNDERTAKEN NOW, NOR SHOULD IT UNTIL BETTER CONSENSUS
OBTAINED ON PRIORITIES. WE AGREE WITH BREAKOUT IN ANNEX I
UNDER THREE CRITERIA CATEGORIES WHERE WE GIVE EMPHASIS
TO FIRST TWO (SEE PARA C, ABOVE). WE ALSO FEEL ITEMS
VIII AND IX (MACRO-ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES
AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SELECTED COMPONENTS OF INFO
SECTOR) WHOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER SECOND CATEGORY --
"COORDINATION AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN MEMBER
COUNTRIES ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES."

-- D. WITH RESPECT TO "ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS",
PARA 4 II OF COVERSHEET, WE AGREE WITH ANALYSIS GIVEN
IN PARAS 23-33 OF TASK FORCE REPORT EXCEPT THAT CURRENT
IPG AND CUG ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE GIVEN CONTINUOUS
CSTP REVIEW/AND CONTROL TO ENSURE EVERY ATTEMPT IS MADE
TO FIND ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTION (PARA 32). POSSIBLE
SOLUTIONS ARE PROPOSED IN PARAS 29 AND 30. OTHER
POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE REVISION OF CSTP MANDATE
TO INCLUDE BROADER ICC CONCERNS AS WELL AS DEALING
WITH ISSUES ON AD HOC BASIS WITHOUT CREATION OF
SEPARATE ICC STANDING COMMITTEE. THIS ORGANIZATIONAL
PROBLEM IS NOW CLEARLY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL
DECISION. IT IMPORTANT THIS BE TAKEN UP BY COUNCIL
ASAP. WE SHALL PROVIDE MISSION GUIDANCE FOR SUCH
COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS.

10. AGENDA ITEM 8 -- REVIEW OF NORWEGIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE
POLICY. WE HAVE INCREASINGLY STRONG RESERVATIONS
CONCERNING USE OF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES AND COMMITTEE
TIME ON A CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM ACTIVITY. THE
US WILL HAVE SPECIAL ADVISER FAMILIAR WITH NORWEGIAN
SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. MAIN QUESTION IS ASSESSMENT

VALUE THIS ACTIVITY TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. PROBLEM
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NOTED UNDER GUIDANCE NEXT AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING 76
PROGRAM.

11. AGENDA ITEM 9 -- 76 PROGRAM: S, T AND SOCIETY,
PARAS 34-38 OF REF DOC B; SUPPORTING DOCS SPT(75)9,
SPT(76)8, SPT(75)11 (1ST REV). BASED ON RECONSIDERATION
THIS GENERAL AREA WITHIN BUDGET CONSTRAINTS AND OECD
PRIORITIES, WE GIVE LOW PRIORITY TO THESE ACTIVITIES AS
FAR AS USE OF SECRETARIAT RESOURCES (PARA 8C, ABOVE).
IF COUNTRIES WILLING TO COMMIT OWN RESOURCES UNDER
PILOT COUNTRY APPROACH, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ENCOURAGE
US PARTICIPATION IF OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE LEAD; UNDER
SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, MEDIUM PRIORITY AT MOST. WE
STRONGLY RECOMMEND FOLLOWING THREE ACTIVITIES BE
REGROUPED UNDER SINGLE MODEST EFFORT:

-- A. DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES,
SPT(75)9 -- SEE PARA C 1 OF REF D -- DOWNGRADE TO
MEDIUM PRIORITY AND ONLY UNDER PILOT COUNTRY LEADERSHIP
BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. WE PROPOSE RAISING DIRECT
QUESTION TO CSTP REPS OF UTILITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
REVIEW EXERCISES TO NATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT
WHICH SHOULD BE REASSESSED AFTER JAPANESE REVIEW AT
JUNE CSTP MEETING. THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED
FROM ENGAGING IN ANY FURTHER REVIEW STUDIES UNTIL
COMPLETION OF SUCH ASSESSMENT. OTHER PROPOSED ACTIVITIES,
PARAS 20-22 OF SPT(75)9, SHOULD BE SEVERELY LIMITED TO
DEGREE COUNTRIES WILLING TO TAKE LEAD IN CARRYING THEM
OUT.

-- B. SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, SPT(76)8 --
SEE PARA C2 OF REF D -- PROPOSED PROGRAM DOWNGRADE TO
LOW PRIORITY. THIS PROGRAM ACTIVITY WAS PROMOTED
BEYOND ANY POSSIBLE SECRETARIAT CAPABILITY FOR
CARRYING OUT "COORDINATED" NATIONAL STUDIES. WE ALSO
FEEL SECRETARIAT DID NOT COORDINATE SUCH EFFORTS WITH
RELATED OECD WORK WITHIN DSTI AND WITH OTHER DIRECTORATES.
THE US SUPPORTED JAPANESE PROPOSAL AT 71 SCIENCE
MINISTERIAL FOR A MODEST MEANINGFUL PROGRAM. WE SHOULD
COMPLIMENT SECRETARIAT AND ADVISORY GROUP FOR SUCCESS-
FULLY COMPLETING TASKS, PARA 9 OF SPT(76)8. WORK GOT
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OFF TRACK IN TRYING TO PROMOTE COORDINATED NATIONAL
STUDIES IN SELECTED FIELDS (PARAS 21-31) WHICH
SECRETARIAT UNCAPABLE OF MANAGING. US HAS WITHDRAWN
FROM THESE EFFORTS (STATE 305055) BASED ON PRIOR

UNDERSTANDING WITH DSTI DIRECTOR (DECEMBER 1975) OF WHICH MISSION WAS INFORMED. MISSION MESSAGE THIS PROBLEM AREA (OECD 3372) INCORRECTLY INFERS US WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT OF ORIGINAL JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR WORK ON SOCIAL ASSESSMENT OF TECHNOLOGY. THE US SUPPORTS ENTIRELY SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS IN PARA 2 OF COVERSHEET TO SPT(76)8.

-- C. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING, SPT(75)11 (1ST REV). AS NOTED IN PARA C4 OF REF D THIS IS MEDIUM PRIORITY. WE FURTHER LIMIT SUCH PRIORITY TO PILOT COUNTRY MANAGEMENT. SECRETARIAT RESOURCES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ENSURING LIAISON WITH OTHER RELATED OECD COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, PARA 17. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, THIS IS LARGELY NATIONAL POLICY ISSUE WITH EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE OF QUESTIONABLE UTILITY. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND EXTREMELY MODEST BEGINNING IN ONE OR TWO SECTORS BASED ON EXISTING STUDIES AND GUIDED BY INTERESTED COUNTRY LEADERSHIP.

12. AGENDA ITEM 9 -- 76 PROGRAM: R AND D IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES; RESEARCH POLICY, PARA 16 OF REF DOC C.

-- A. SECTORAL SCIENCE POLICIES, SPT(76)3 -- SEE PARA A2 OF REF D, MEDIUM PRIORITY. THIS IS COMPLEX PROBLEM AREA AND WE ARE NOT IMPRESSED WITH APPROACH. GETTING AT DELINEATION OF HEALTH R AND D POLICY INFERS SOME FORMULATION OF A HEALTH POLICY, WHEREAS IN REALITY NO OECD COUNTRY HAS HEALTH POLICY AS SUCH, AND HEALTH R AND D ARE PRETTY MUCH HANDLED ON AD HOC BASIS. WE SEE LIMITED VALUE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF PROPOSED SURVEY AND REPORT. WE RECOMMEND MODEST INITIATION, REFORMULATION OF WORK PLAN DRAWING ON EXPERT ADVICE, REPORTING BACK TO CSTP AT NEXT MEETING. PROPOSED WORK ON URBAN PLANNING R AND D EVEN MORE VAGUE.

-- B. PROMISES AND THREATS, SPT(76)1 -- SEE A2 OF REF D, UNCLASSIFIED

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LOW PRIORITY. ALTHOUGH SECRETARIAT NOTE IS INTERESTING ANALYSIS OF IMPORTANT PROBLEM, WE QUESTION USEFULNESS OF OECD ENGAGING IN THIS ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME. OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATIONS WHILE MANAGEMENT ISSUES ARE LARGELY NATIONAL CONCERN. THERE MIGHT BE SOME VALUE IN PROMOTING SOME EXCHANGE OF INFO UNDER THE PILOT COUNTRY APPROACH -- SUCH EFFORTS MIGHT BE LINKED TO WORK CONCERNING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING. WE HAVE NO PREFERENCES ON EXAMPLES; STRESS EXTREMELY MODEST EFFORT IN THIS AREA IF ANY.

13. AGENDA ITEM 9 -- STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY,

SPT(7)19 (1ST REV). MANDATE AS MODIFIED BY NOVEMBER MEETING OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE IS APPROPRIATE.

14. AGENDA ITEM 10 -- OTHER BUSINESS: JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON R AND D COOPERATION (OECD 4766). JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER PRESENTED PROPOSAL TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FEB. 18. HE WAS INFORMED THAT US SUPPORTS GENERAL LINES

THIS INITIATIVE WHICH ARE SUPPORTIVE OF OVERALL OECD EFFORTS CONCERNING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ALSO INDICATED PROPOSAL NEEDS MORE SPECIFICS. SEMINAR ON APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL PREPARATION DRAWING ON MASS OF MATERIALS THIS SUBJECT. FIRST STEP MIGHT BE GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR CSTP EFFORT ON APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, ASKING SECRETARIAT UNDER GUIDANCE OF CSTP/DAC PLANNING GROUP ON S AND T TO DRAW TOGETHER EXISTING MATERIALS AS WELL AS ON-GOING AND PLANNED EFFORTS OTHER ORGANIZATION FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT CSTP MEETING WHEN NATURE OF FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY COULD BE AGREED. WE ALSO FEEL IT IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PLAY KEY ROLE ANY SUCH EFFORT ALONG WITH EXPERTS. CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT ANY WORK ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS BE SUPPORTIVE OF SIMILAR WORK NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN OTHER MULTILATERAL FORA SUCH AS CIEC AND UNCTAD. MAW

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